

GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION

April 16, 2004

8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

GTSAC MEMBERS

Robert Morris, Chair
Michael Prince
Heather Hockanson
Greg Lantzy
Ron Wilson
Capt. Dan Smith
Jim Culp
Sheriff Al Byam
Chief Gary Gibbons
Edwin Tatem

REPRESENTING

Office of the Governor
Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Linda Scarpetta, Department of Community Health
Department of Education (MDE)
Department of State (DOS)
Department of State Police
John Friend, Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Local Representative – Michigan Sheriff's Association
Local Representative – Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police
Local Representative – Road Commission of Macomb County

STAFF

Sue Joseph

GTSAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Steve Betterly Office of Services to the Aging

TASK TEAMS

Sgt. Matt Bolger MSP/Executive Division – Legislation Contact
Fred Bueter Traffic Records Coordinating Council Contact
Steve Schreier Intersection Safety Team Contact
Kathy Farnum Research and Evaluation Team Contact

ADVISORY GROUPS

Todd Kaufmann MDOT – Non-motorized Transportation Action Team Co-Chair
Richard Miller AAA – Data Action Team Chair
Anne Readett OHSP – Public Information and Education Action Team Chair
Homer Smith MADD Michigan – Impaired Driving Action Team Chair

GUESTS

Dr. Bill Donohue
Mike Irwin
Jason Hamblen
Lawrence Hummel
Tom Krycinski
Connie Morrison
Sandy Liddle
Dave Morena
Lt. Thad Peterson
Dr. Tom Reel
Deborah Savage
Dave Wallace
Mary Wichman
Phyllis Zold-Kilbourn

REPRESENTING

Michigan State University
Michigan Center for Truck Safety
Office of Highway Safety Planning
Van Buren County Road Commission
Michigan State University
Governor's Office
Office of Financial and Insurance Services
Federal Highway Administration
Michigan State Police, Traffic Services Section
Traffic Safety Association of Michigan
Office of Highway Safety Planning
Prosecuting Attorney Association of Michigan
Criminal Justice Information Center
State Court Administrator's Office

The meeting was called to order and chaired by Robert Morris. Roll call of GTSAC members and introductions completed. Introduction of Edwin Tatem, Macomb County Road Commission, appointed to the vacant local representative position. An agenda change was announced: due to a schedule conflict, Judge Hoffman is not able to make his presentation today.

Approval of GTSAC February 20, 2004 Minutes

The February 20, 2004, minutes were approved. Motion by Capt. Dan Smith seconded by Ron Wilson. Motion passed.

Public Comment/Announcement Items

No Public Comment or Announcements.

Report/Update Items

GTSAC Commissioners' Update

- Chair, Robert Morris –Thank you to MDOT for hosting the February GTSAC meeting at the Michigan Intelligent Transportation Information Systems Center. MDOT is reviewing the concept of establishing these types of centers in Grand Rapids, Flint and Lansing.
- Community Health – Injury Prevention Section is organizing a coalition to help with the Child Passenger Safety legislation currently in the house transportation committee. The legislation is aimed at achieving higher booster seat use and possibly removing exemptions from the bill. Tom Reel of the Traffic Safety Association of Michigan is leading the coalition and moving the legislation forward.
- Education – Currently a request to move the Driver Education Unit from Department of Education to the Department of State is on the Governor's Desk. NHTSA is trying to create a National Driver Education curriculum in an effort to unify the approach all states use to teach Driver Education.
- State – May 1, 2004 is the proposed date to eliminate the no proof of insurance fee. The provision now has a 60-day correction period. The correction period provides individuals who are ticketed time to produce the document proving they had insurance but it was just not in their possession. Motorcycle safety efforts are gearing up to coincide with the nice weather. Department of State is partnering with MDOT on the Give 'em a Brake campaign for construction zones.
- State Police – A trooper school will be held in July 2004. MSP is gearing up for the summer Enforcement Mobilizations as well as the Summit.
- Transportation – MDOT will use the safety belt incentive funding received in 2003 for the improvement of intersection projects. Since local agencies conduct their own road projects within their counties, MDOT will be hiring two traffic safety engineers to assist the locals with road project planning. Jack Benac is working with MDOT to produce local crash maps including K/A injury crash statistics. This process will also have a component to display the crash UD-10 form. The MDOT web site has been updated to include the Strategic Highway Safety Plan.
- OSA – No Report
- OHSP – 90% by 2004 belt use presentation will be made later in the agenda. Michigan will be the first state east of California to obtain 90% which will be a substantial accomplishment. Mary Wichman and her unit has been working very hard to get all crash reports coded and to ensure the accuracy of information. OHSP staff members have been assigned as regional liaisons throughout the state. A map was distributed indicating the OHSP staff member assigned to each region. This responsibility is in addition to their regular work. The OHSP Annual Report and the Secondary Road Patrol Annual Report are currently being mailed to a limited number of partners. Both reports are posted on the OHSP web page.
- Edwin Tatem – Local Representative – Mr. Tatem gave a background of his 18 years experience with MDOT. Currently he has two years with the Road Commission for Macomb County. Macomb County has grown significantly and new engineer projects are occurring to address the congestion within the county. Mr. Tatem is also an active participant in the County Road Association. The Association represents all county roads in Michigan.
- Sheriff Al Byam – Secondary Road Patrol conference is set for May 11 and 12, 2004 at the Holiday Inn – South. The agenda contains very interesting and timely sessions. Both the Summit and Secondary Road Patrol conferences indicate great participation levels.
- Chief Gary Gibbons – No Report

Task Team Reports

➤ Planning and Evaluation – Kathy Farnum/MSP, OHSP

At the last meeting a planning matrix was presented. Some issues have been moving forward and others will need to be on hold until the GTSAC structure is finalized. The Task Team will continue to provide GTSAC with updates on these matrix issues.

➤ Intersection Safety Update and Draft Document Approval – Steve Schreier/MSP, OHSP

Projects are moving forward with identified intersections. The Task Team will provide updates to the GTSAC twice a year. The update will report out on the activity that has taken place over the previous six-months.

➤ **Summit Update – Kathy Farnum/MSP, OHSP**

A current agenda was distributed. As of this date, approximately 300 participants are registered for the Summit. GTSAC Department Directors and their designees have been invited to the Awards Banquet Reception beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn – South on April 28, 2004. Both the Department Director and the GTSAC designee attending the Awards Banquet will sit on the risers. The Department Director will be in the Awards picture. If the Department Director is not in attendance, their designee will be in the picture so that all GTSAC Departments are represented with the award winners.

➤ **Summit Award Winner Approval Vote**

Since a quorum was not present at the February meeting, an official vote was taken to approve the Award Winners. Motion to approve the Award Winners presented was made by Michael Prince with Gary Gibbons seconding the motion. Motion passed.

➤ **Traffic Records Coordinating Committee – Fred Bueter/DOS**

The Crash Process Redesign project is currently in Phase 2. Phase 2 is to improve the input and accuracy of data. Entered data is compared and populated with the Secretary of State information for VIN numbers and vehicle registration. Phase 2 also includes many edit checks for errors and penalties. A newsletter has been developed through OHSP on the Crash Process Redesign project and will be posted to the Listserv within the next few weeks. The Traffic Crash data on-line system has over 2000 law enforcement users. Locals have benefited greatly and the newsletter is an additional way of getting the information out to other agencies. User reports are very positive and show the system to be very user-friendly for the lay person. New entry of crash data is staying current at the same time that last years' data is being finalized. Michigan Department of Information Technology has received an award for the Crash Process Redesign. Proposal to merge the Data Action Team with the Traffic Records Coordinating Council for efficiency was introduced. This issue will be held and addressed at the Summer Retreat.

➤ **Traffic Safety Legislative Report – Sgt. Mat Bolger/MSP, Executive Division**

Sergeant Bolger distributed and reviewed a handout on traffic safety legislative issues.

Advisory Team Updates

➤ **Non-Motorized Transportation Safety Action Team – Todd Kaufman/Co-Chair**

An announcement was made that there are new co-chairs for this action team – Todd Kaufman and Lisa Grost. A Bicycle Safety Brochure is in the preliminary stage of development. Organizational collaboration is the main focus and effort of the advisory team.

Discussion and Presentation Items

➤ **90% by 2004 – Anne Readett and Deborah Savage/OHSP**

Anne Readett and Deborah Savage of the Office of Highway Safety Planning gave a presentation on the OHSP goal of 90% by 2004. The new Public Service Announcement was shown that will be played during the mobilizations. The current 20 enforcement zones have been expanded to include 48 counties. For the first time ever the enforcement zones will be conducted on the entire US Route 2 through the Upper Peninsula. Stepped-up enforcement will be continued during the Labor Day holiday as well. The belt use rate survey will be conducted following the Labor Day holiday. Stakeholders can help with this initiative by including articles in their newsletters and on their web sites. In addition, the Michigan Resource Center can be contacted for supplies for the Click or Ticket campaign. The enforcement county map and statistics are updated daily through the OHSP web site. OHSP staff members are available to present information. Very few tickets should be issued since the enforcement zones will be well publicized. This campaign is to get people to buckle up and change their habits not to issue tickets.

➤ **Strategic Highway Safety Approval – Jim Culp/MDOT**

Since a quorum was not present at the February meeting an official vote was taken for the adoption of the national goal of 1.0 death per 100 million vehicle miles traveled by 2008 as presented to the GTSAC in December. Motion to approve was made by Capt. Dan Smith with Michael Prince seconding the motion. Motion passed.

➤ **Summer Retreat – Chair Robert Morris**

A proposed agenda for a GTSAC Summer Retreat meeting was distributed for discussion. Lisa Molner from University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute was suggested as the proposed facilitator. The location will be in Lansing during July. Further discussion on this retreat will take place at the June GTSAC meeting. Participation is welcome to all those who desire to participate. Any other suggestions can be sent to Bob.

GTSAC Administrative Items

➤ Reauthorization discussion

A discussion item was added to the agenda to provide an update regarding the TEA-21 reauthorization bill. Connie Morrison gave an overview of the House and Senate bills that were passed. They are currently in conference committee as both sides are trying to reach an agreement. A Presidential veto is possible unless the amount of the bill is reduced. MDOT and the Governor's office are working with Washington on reauthorization. Michael Prince gave an overview of the various safety features in the bills.

Other Business

Adjourn.

Future Meeting Schedule = 3rd Friday of every other month

2004 Meeting Schedule

June 18, 2004 – Presentation Room, Collins Road Facility

August 20, 2004 – Presentation Room, Collins Road Facility

October 15, 2004 – Presentation Room, Collins Road Facility

December 17, 2004– Presentation Room, Collins Road Facility